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## **New Licensing Law for Tattoo, Body Piercing, and Body Art Professions**

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### **What does the new law require?**

During the 2009 legislative session, Substitute Senate Bill 5391, a law relating to the practice of Body Art, Body Piercing, and Tattoo was passed and signed by Governor Gregoire. This law requires all individuals who engage in the practice of body art, body piercing or tattooing to become licensed. In addition to the individual license, a shop license must be obtained for any location that offers these services.

### **When does the law take effect?**

The law is effective July 1, 2010.

### **What happens next?**

Over the next year, the Department will develop rules for this new law. We will work closely with individuals who practice body art, body piercing and tattooing to ensure that the rules will create a safe and sanitary environment for the consumers of this state.

### **What we need you to do:**

1. Sign up on our ListServ to receive updates by email at [ListServ.wa.gov](mailto:ListServ.wa.gov) (look for TattooBodyArtPiercers)
2. Sign up on our stakeholder list by emailing us your address/contact information to [doltattooandbodvart@dol.wa.gov](mailto:doltattooandbodvart@dol.wa.gov)

We will use this ListServ when recruiting volunteers to assist the Department in the development of rules.

For updated information, frequently asked questions and more view our website:  
[www.dol.wa.gov/business/tattoo](http://www.dol.wa.gov/business/tattoo).

We look forward to working with you. Please feel free to share this information with other individuals in your industry.